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Dear SAC Member

Enclosed is the "National Marine Sanctuary Program Selection of Priority Issues to Address in the Joint Management Plan Review." This report presents the priority cross-cutting and site-specific resource management issues that we propose to address in the Joint Management Plan Review (JMPR). Staff developed these proposed priority issues from the four workshops with the Sanctuary Advisory Council.

This document characterizes all of the issues identified in the prioritization workshops and then identifies those issues we believe should be addressed as part of the management plan review. The characterizations of these issues in this document attempts to reflect those views and the assigned priority.

Please thoroughly review this document and be prepared to provide feedback at the next Advisory Council meeting. We expect all SAC members will discuss these priorities with their constituents. We are looking for your advice to help us determine whether we accurately characterized the priority issues and to ensure that we accurately captured the assigned priority. You all have provided a tremendous amount of effort and input into this process during the scoping and prioritization phases and we wish to make sure we are on the right track.

Whether or not we have sufficient staff and other resources to adequately address these priority issues is of major concern. Therefore, the advice you provide will help us to develop a draft work plan that details precisely how the issues will be addressed, and which issues will be deferred to the future for resolution.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Advisory Council meeting. Please feel free to call Anne Walton or myself at (415) 561-6622 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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